EBS Roadshow comes to conclusion

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — After visiting the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) technology directorates (TDs) across the United States, the Enterprise Business System (EBS) Roadshow concluded its successful run in late September.

"EBS is only one of many tools the commander has to affect a process-driven enterprise, and the Roadshow has been eminently successful crafting that vision for the scientist and engineer," said Colonel Tom Hamilton, AFRL's chief information officer.

The Roadshow was developed in an effort to raise awareness and understanding of the capabilities provided by EBS. An initial version of the Roadshow was presented in September of 2003, with the revamped edition ready for viewing by January of this year. Since then, the EBS Roadshow team has provided approximately 900 people in nine technology directorates and the headquarters with crucial information about EBS, including its history, an overview of its programs, and its future within AFRL.

Additionally, the team visited several remote TD sites including Mesa, Brooks, Hanscom, and Edwards and conducted a teleconference with Tyndall to reach the maximum number of AFRL personnel.

One popular component was the Collaborative Work Environment (CWE) initiative, which consisted of three workspaces: project workspace, personal workspace, and enterprise workspace. These workspaces will enable personnel to greatly improve how they manage and share information. For example, the wnterprise workspace, using MeetingZone software, will provide the ability to teleconference and share computer screens simultaneously over a web-based connection.

"People liked seeing real products. They responded enthusiastically and were excited to see real products in action," said George Orzel, EBS program manager. "It's my belief that EBS fulfills the promise of what information technology is supposed to deliver."

"The Roadshow has fleshed out that promise," Colonel Hamilton added. @